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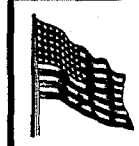
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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 3



United in the
Service of our
Country.

SHERIFF CODY and his deputies have been warned that authorities at Atlanta, found ground glass in Maple-Flake breakfast food, in that town. Deputy Frank May notified the local merchants to be on the lookout for such practices. About the only food safe to bank on these days is a coconut and a hammer, and even these might have been tapped and German poison inserted. The time is not far distant when even the half-hearted German sympathizer is no longer going to be tolerated. Some of these luke-warm "patriots" are going to get a wallop on the end of the jaw some of these fine days when their talk becomes no longer tolerable. It should make no difference WHY we are in war or HOW we got there—the fact is WE ARE AT WAR AGAINST GERMAN, and — any man or woman who dares to lay any straw in the way of our success. This seems to be the general sentiment among persons heard discussing this subject.

DuPonters Attend "Safety" Meeting.

A "Safety first" exhibit was given by E. I. DuPont de Nemours & company for the benefit of their local employees and their families New Year's afternoon, in the Opera house. Every seat was occupied and persons were standing and it is reported that a few who were unable to find seats, went away.

Supt. C. M. Morfit acted as chairman and opened the meeting with a few appropriate remarks, assuring the DuPont employees that he is heartily in accord with the efforts of the company in trying to protect life and property by carefulness on the part of the workman. He mentioned a few faults that are common practices but often hazardous. C. T. Clark, manager of the Bay City and Grayling plants, was present and said some good things for the Red Cross. Liberty bonds had "safety" practices. He was given a great ovation by the crowd when he appeared upon the platform, showing his popularity among the men. Mr. Reed, a "safety" engineer of Wilmington, Delaware, presented a number of moving pictures portraying many careless practices and their dreadful results. The pictures were highly interesting and convincing. The "safety" campaigns that are being conducted by the company are no doubt doing wonderful work in the way of decreasing the number of casualties among the employees of that firm. Mr. Reed stated the loss of life out of the 50,000 men employed by the company had been reduced from 35 in one year to five during the last year. Monetary losses may easily be paid but the loss of limbs, eyes, or life, can never be replaced, and the DuPont company feel that they cannot afford to lose valuable men thru careless accidents and further no man can afford to go thru life maimed and possibly a helpless cripple. Nor can any family afford to lose a husband or a father or others who may be near and dear to them just because someone was careless. The question is a vital one to every living person today—safety may well be practiced in the drawing room as well as in the factory. Mr. Reed supplemented his remarks by extending new year greetings on behalf of the head officers of the company from Wilmington, Del., to the employees in Grayling.

Manager of the plant at Grayling, Michigan, did his bit in congratulating the children of the audience.

Frederic News.

Mr. E. Terhune, Supt. of the Buckley schools, spent the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Terhune.

Mrs. E. Lewis spent Xmas with her husband. She returned to her home in Detroit Wednesday.

James Tobin made a business trip to Grayling Saturday.

Doris Nickols, of Bay City, is spending the holidays here with her cousin Emma Craven and other relatives.

Morey Abrahams returned from Alba Saturday.

Mrs. D. Bushiere, a resident of this place for a number of years, was in town last week visiting friends and neighbors. She returned to her home in Detroit Monday.

Mr. Robert Brown, and son George, returned to Flint Monday.

Miss Bertha Whitehead of Korolet is visiting friends here and in East Jordan.

Miss I. Patterson assisted at the E. Lewis store during the holidays.

Verne Wallace returned to Detroit, after spending Xmas here with his mother and sister.

A number of young people from out of town attended the dance New Year's eve at the Opera house. All report a fine time.

Rev. Terhune was called to Lovells to preach the funeral sermon of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's child.

Eldorado Nuggets.

Miss Effie Sherman of Frederic is spending a few days with friends here.

Miss Lizzie Weber returned Monday after an extended visit in Chicago.

Mrs. Bessie Richardson resumed her school Wednesday after her holiday vacation.

Miss Lorraine Bridges returned Saturday after spending the week with her parents at Grayling.

Charlie Reese of Alpena is visiting his uncle, James Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Myas of Roscom were callers at the James Williams home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Hubbard Head returned with her son, L. J. Miller to spend the remainder of the winter at his home in Sandusky.

Men who betray their country are not the only traitors. There are also men who betray their employers, their families and their friends.

Safety first—Industrial patriotism always.

Industry is of the people, by the people, for the people. Let us all get together.

The average reformer is only opposed to capital so long as the other fellow has it. Let him get a slice of the melon he condemned and his radicalism will be cured for all times.

Success in Industry: Of 260,000 corporations in the United States engaged in manufacturing and mercantile business over 100,000, according to the Federal Trade Commission, are merely existing. They do not earn a penny of profit. The 22,000 failures annually in the United States show that businesses cannot run along at a loss indefinitely.

Business success depends on good management; efficient loyal workers, from the head of the firm down to the messengers; and freedom from outside interference.

Where Do You Stand? Someone has divided mankind into four classes—those who consistently do less than is expected of them; those who do what is expected of them but no more; those who do things without having to be told, and finally, those who have the magnetic power of inspiring others to do things.

BRITISH VESSELS
WORK FOR ALLIES

Merchant Marine Is First Line of
Naval Defense in This
War.

ARE FEEDING MANY LANDS

English Freighters Fight U-Boats
While Neutral Craft Fly to Safe
Zones—Half Tonnage Working
for France Sent by England.

London.—An analysis of the present status of Great Britain's merchant fleet as affected by the war will indicate more clearly than any statement heretofore issued the extent to which the merchant marine has been absorbed into national service under the immediate control of the government.

There is no more emphatic proof of the measure in which England has placed her resources at the disposal of the war cause than this analysis of the merchant fleet's disposition. British ships are working for France, for Italy, for the unfortunate neutral states that would be threatened with starvation if the allies did not help to keep them alive. Troops, munitions, equipment, food supplies have been brought from all quarters of the world in British ships, not exclusively for British consumption, but for all of Britain's allies and for neutrals. Without the British merchant marine the world's international commerce would be almost at a standstill.

A famous authority on shipping and naval affairs recently pointed out that the merchant marine has become the first line of naval defense in this war; and it is literally true. A majority of merchant ships are now armed, and therefore take the same chances as warships. They are attacked by the enemy on sight and they fight the enemy on sight.

Keep Out of Danger.

Neutral vessels have sought the less dangerous zones of operation and ply their trade in waters far from the German submarine bases, where they may reasonably be certain to remain unmolested. To the British merchant fleet is left the uncomfortable duty of serving in those waters where submarines are thickest, where mines are strewn, where the Germans show the least concern for humanity, where every hour and every mile represents the serious chance of death and destruction.

The French ministry of mercantile marine has issued a statement which sets forth the condition of the French merchant fleet. It is stated that the French merchant marine amounts to \$4,167,000 tons, of which 2,100,000 tons has been loaned to France by Great Britain. Thus it appears that half the tonnage working for France is furnished by Great Britain. This is particularly interesting in view of the well-known fact that French shipping has been dealt with rather tenderly by the German submarines.

The greatest of French shipping corporations has been particularly fortunate in this regard, and a curious explanation of the fact is current in both France and England. It is that this corporation represents a large investment by one of the most powerful and influential religious orders of the Roman Catholic, and that the Germans have made it a policy not unnecessarily to give offense in this quarter. Secondly, it is a matter of frequent note that certain French ships are always permitted to escape, while other vessels in the same waters are invariably attacked.

Almost Cut Off.

France is now almost as completely cut off from the privilege of commerce with her neighbors by land as is Great Britain. To put it in the reverse, she is almost as dependable on shipping as England. Before the war, according to the French ministry of marine, France imported by land 18,000,000 tons annually, while last year her imports by land amounted to only 1,000,000. Inasmuch as the total of imports in 1916 was 44,000,000 tons, the proportion received by land is very small indeed. Inasmuch as France is at present much less capable of living within itself than is England, by reason of the necessity particularly to import metals and coal, it may fairly be said that France is even more dependent upon maintaining her touch with the sea than is England.

The French government is co-operating with England in every possible way to increase the production of tonnage; but France's contribution must necessarily be small compared to those of England and the United States.

The French minister of marine said that Great Britain would shortly have to recall a part of the 700 vessels which she had lent to France. British needs are increasing rapidly, and no vessel will be recalled from the service of an ally unless it is agreed between the two countries that it is more necessary to England than to the ally.

The British nation before the war was importing 56,000,000 tons of goods a year, which fell to 48,000,000 tons in 1916 and will be considerably further reduced this year. Before the war foodstuffs represented less than 25 percent of the imports; in 1916 two-thirds of all imports consisted of foodstuffs, munitions of war and the manufacture of war supplies.

Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may safely hope for a quick recovery. Tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions. Obtainable everywhere.

VIVID DESCRIPTION
OF FIRST-AID WORK
BY RED CROSS MEN

An American Pictures Scenes in
Subway Pressing Station
Near Trenches.

SURGEONS LABOR ENDLESSLY

Captain, Priest, Private and German
Lad, All Dying, Get Tender Care
From Overworked Hospital
and Ambulance Aids.

The work of the Red Cross surgeons and stretcher bearers at the front in France was never more vividly illustrated than in a recent letter forwarded to America. It was written by Philip O. Mills to Mr. Elliot Norton, head of the Volunteer Motor Ambulance corps which Mr. Mills was serving. The communication was private, but was made public because of the clearness with which it sets forth the scenes amid which the surgeons and ambulance workers labor, day after day. The text follows:

"Tonight I am sitting in a small underground cellar of a public building, acting as a sort of timekeeper for the cars (ambulances) going up to our

his head in a bucket of water. He turns to the wounded man, gently feels his nose, lifts up his closed eyelids, and at his nod the stretcher is again lifted and the wounded man is carried into the operating room, and soon after into the little room of sorrows.

"In answer to my eager question, the surgeon shakes his head.

"Not a chance."

"A brancardier and I gather the soldier's belongings from his clothes to be sent to his wife, but even we have to stop for a few minutes after we see the photograph of his wife and their two little children.

"An hour later, as our night's work is slackening up and several cars have driven up and been unloaded, the brancardier comes in from the little room and says something to the brancardiers. Two of them get a stretcher, and in a moment the 'blesse from Belleville' comes past us with a sheet over him. They lay him down at the other end of the room and another brancardier begins rolling and tying him in burial for burial. As I look he changes to a shapeless log. Then, out to the dead wagon with it.

"Soon after, I go into the little ward again to see how the others are coming through the night, and am glad to see them all quieted down. Even the little German seems in less pain, though his breathing still shakes the heavy bed he lies on.

"Through a chink I see that day is beginning to break, and I hear the chief's car coming in from the sap,



Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to wounded in little underground dressing stations in the front-line trenches. War records show that as many Red Cross men are killed by enemy fire as regular soldiers in the trenches. Red Cross field service is not a pastime.

most dangerous post, and handling the reserve cars for wounded in the town itself. The whole world is passing here—French, Americans; living, wounded and dying.

"A long, heavily arched corridor, with stone steps leading down to it; two compartments off to one side, lined with wine bins, where our reserve men and a few French brancardiers (stretcher bearers) are lying on their stained stretchers, some snoring; beyond, a door that leads to a little sick ward—the most pathetic little room I have ever seen—with four beds of different sizes and kinds or one side, and six on the other, taken, evidently, from the ruined houses near by; and one tired infirmier (hospital attendant) to tend and soothe the wounded and dying.

"In the bed nearest the door a French priest, shot through the lungs, with pneumonia setting in, his black beard pointing straight up, whispering for water.

"Next to him a little German lad, hardly nineteen, and small, with about six hours to live, calling—sometimes screaming—for his mother, and then for water.

"Next to him a French captain of infantry, his arm off at the shoulder and his head wounded—weak, dying, but smiling.

"And next to him a tirailleur (infantryman) in delirium calling on his colonel to charge the Germans.

"The infirmier is going from one to the other, soothing and waiting on each in turn. He asks me what the German is saying, and I tell him he is calling for his mother.

"Ah, this is a sad war! he says, as he goes over to hold the poor lad's hand.

"A brancardier comes in with a message. A 'blesse (a wounded man)' at Belleville—very serious.

"This is a reserve car call, so one slides out and is gone like a gray ghost down the ruined street, making all the speed its driver can—no easy matter—with no lights. In twenty minutes he is back. The brancardiers go out. They come in again bearing the wounded man on a stretcher and place it on the floor. One of them, who is a priest, leans over him and asks his name, and his town. On answer to the question what his wife's name is, he whispers 'Alice,' while on the other side another brancardier is slitting the clothes from his body—and I shiver with the pity of it at the sight.

"The surgeon comes out of his little operating room. Weary with the night's tragic work—after so many, many other tragic nights—he douses

Michigan Ambulance Co. Twenty-seven ambulance companies have been organized by the American Red Cross in this country for service on the European battlefields. The Michigan company are:

No. 8—Detroit, Dr. Chas. Bart.

No. 11—Battle Creek, Dr. James

Case; No. 15—Grand Rapids, Dr.

Thomas D. Gordon; No. 21—Flint, Dr.

Walter H. Winchester.

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FOR SALE—80 acres, eighty rods south of DuPont plant. Address L. J. Miller, Route 2, Sandusky, Mich. 12 20 2

FOR SALE—Steel kitchen Range and dining table. Earl Polan, 11800 South side. Address General Delivery, Grayling. 12 20 2

FOR SALE—One work horse, 11 years old, weight 1300 lbs. Sound and gentle. John Knecht, Nagsbee, Mich. 12 13 4

FOR SALE—Three year old sorrel horse; weight 1250 pounds. Inquire of Mrs. John Hanna, Beaver Creek. 12 13 4

New Idea in Pictures.

When the motion picture serial was first invented the idea created a great sensation. Now something as new as the serial has come. It's the serial of five act photoplays, each one a complete drama, but the entire group connected by a continued story. Each, as it were, is the sequel of the one before. "Seven Deadly Sins" is the name of the first group of pictures produced under the new idea. Each of the seven has a widely known star. The seven sins are "Envy," "Pride," "Pasion," "Greed," "Wrath," "Sloth" and "The Seventh Sin." The stars are Ann Murdock, Halbrook Blinn, Shirley Mason, George Le Guere, Nance O'Neil, H. B. Warner and Charlotte Walker.

Will Have To Add Postage.

The Avalanche will continue its plan of free monthly statements to all our advertising patrons. Because of the increased cost of postage we will have to add postage on all Want Column accounts. This will affect but a few, as nearly all our Want Column advertisers pay in advance. The accounts are so small that we can afford to pay the postage on them hereafter, so from now on we will at the cost of the stamps we use to the accounts. Avalanche. 12 27 2

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A. M. LEWIS, - - Druggist

Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Miss Gladys Grant of Bay City is a guest of Miss Lucille Hanson.

Carlton Meistrup was the guest of friends in West Branch New Year's.

Peter Hemmington returned yesterday to Detroit, after a few days' visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lagrow were the guests of friends in West Branch New Year's.

Miss Nellie Charlefour left yesterday for Cadillac to remain for an indefinite time.

Miss Violet Woodruff left Monday for Hillman to visit her sister, Mrs. Gohl and family.

Miss Catherine O'Leary of Jackson, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Capstraw at Shoppensagon's Inn.

Miss Elsie Zalsman left last Wednesday to visit relatives and friends in Perry and Lansing.

Miss Mabel Nelson was home from Capac, Michigan, to spend Christmas day with her parents.

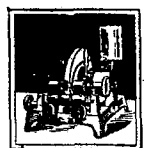
The Salling, Hanson Company store was closed all day Wednesday, on account of the annual inventory.

Will Fischer of Camp Custer visited his wife and parents here over New Year's, having secured a four day furlough.

The Misses Eva and Metha Carribeau and Miss Hulda Sivrais attended a dancing party in West Branch New Year's night.

The Hospital Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson Thursday afternoon, Jan. 10th. Mrs. Hanson will be assisted by Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Mrs. Charles Preston, daughter Frances and son Lester of Flint returned Tuesday to their home in Flint after a few days' visit with Mrs. Preston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodfield.



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Sorenson Bros.

For twenty-five years we have been steadily building a bigger and better business.

Undertaking

Picture Framing

See Geo. L. Alexander & Son before purchasing automobile insurance.

Miss Vivian Bromwell is visiting her parents at Riverview for a week.

Mrs. A. L. Pond, has been visiting her son, Harry and family and other relatives here over the holidays.

Miss Rena Alstrom of East Jordan, is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. Chas. Adams and Miss Edith Alstrom.

The annual K. of P. ball will be an Easter party and will be given the Wednesday following Easter, April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan entertained the latter's mother, Mrs. Frank Trudeau of Onaway, over New Year's.

Mrs. Blanche Garreau and two children of Garreau, Mich., spent New Year's here visiting at the Frank LaMotte home.

Harry Hill accompanied his cousin, Miss Bagnell to her home in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Wednesday afternoon, and will remain for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holliday were guests of friends in Saginaw over Sunday, Marshall Holliday is spending the remainder of the week in that city.

Dr. and Mrs. Hutchison of Saginaw, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillett over New Year's, and attended the Social club party Monday night.

Alfred Sorenson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Sorenson has been appointed chaplain of the 329th field artillery of the National army, located at Camp Custer.

Miss Hilda Peterson returned Tuesday to Detroit after a couple of days spent here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Emma, who returned to Pittsburg, Pa., after spending the holidays at her home.

E. S. Houghton has resigned his position of country treasurer and will devote his time to lumbering operation. His resignation is to take effect Jan. 7.

His successor must be selected by a committee composed of the Judge of probate, County clerk and Prosecuting attorney.

The home of Carl Jensen on the South side was badly damaged by fire New Year's morning, at about eight o'clock. The fire started from an overheated stove, flames being first discovered coming thru the roof by neighbors. An alarm was immediately given and in a short time the fire was gotten under control. All furnishings were removed to safety. All was covered by insurance.

Subscription renewals have been coming in so fast that it has been impossible to check up on all our lists. We intend to have these credited up before another publication but it will be difficult to check out all not paid in advance this week so as to discontinue the same. Next week, unless other understanding has been agreed upon, subscriptions not paid in advance will be dropped.

Word has been received of the critical illness of Mrs. Blanche Metcalf of Saginaw, past National president of the Ladies' National League, at Socorro, New Mexico, where she and her husband had gone to spend the winter. Mrs. Metcalf organized the local camp here, Camp Wagner, and has been the installing officer at each election. She had made herself quiet well know from her frequent visits here.

Lee Phelps, son of Supt. and Mrs. A. L. Phelps of the Game preserve, left Friday last week and has enlisted in the Aviation corps. He went to Detroit where he took the examination for this branch of service, and was sent directly to Kentucky. He has been attending the High School here and would have graduated with the Class of 1918. His parents tried to persuade him to remain here until he had finished his school but he was anxious to enter his country's service.

Mrs. R. M. Roblin returned Saturday from Battle Creek, where she had spent the week. She was the guest of her son Robert at Camp Custer for two or three days, and spent a very pleasant day at the camp, Christmas.

Mrs. Roblin is very enthusiastic about the camp, and says the boys have very comfortable quarters, substantial food, and also that the Y. M. C. A.'s are fine. Robert is getting along nicely, and attends Officers' school four nights out of each week.

The LaMotte family held a reunion on New Year's that commenced during the forenoon of that day and lasted far into the night. The affair was held at the Reter E. Johnson hall on the South side, and in all there were about 125 present. There were present members of the LaMotte, Carribeau, Sancarrier, Gendron, Mayo, Lovely, and Sivrais families, besides a number of invited friends, making up a very merry party. Feasting and dancing were greatly enjoyed all day and will be a day long remembered by those present.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1 he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000; pay a fine, or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if you are to tax.

Appropriate services were held in the different churches New Year's morning.

Francis McDermald, who is employed at the DuPont plant visited at his home in Frederic New Year's.

Miss Florence Doty returned to her home in Grand Rapids after a week's visit with her sister Mrs. O. P. Schumann and family.

Dewey Pringle, of Bay City, who has been spending the holidays in Canada, is visiting his brother, Guy Pringle and wife.

Mrs. Addie Patterson arrived this morning from Pittsburg, Mich., for her annual visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Palmer.

Sergeant Arthur McIntyre of Camp Custer was home over New Year's, visiting his mother. Art is instructor of machine gun practice.

Miss Lillian Bates returned Wednesday to Rochester to resume her teaching in the schools there, after spending the holidays at her home here.

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief ranges. 11-1-17 F. R. Deckrow.

Frank Hill and son Fred, of Milford, Mich., were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. John M. Bunting and family last week. They returned home Monday night.

When Postmaster John Hum had to be taken the hospital for an operation, the affairs of the office were turned over to Ex-Postmaster Bates, who has since been actively looking after the office.

Sergeant Clyde Hum of the Ordnance department of Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass., was called home by the death of his father, John F. Hum. He was given an eleven-day furlough.

Charles Fehr caught a pike at Portage lake Sunday, that weighed 26½ pounds and measured 47 inches in length. This is the largest reported so far this year, but now that the spearing season is open we believe this fine record will be broken.

Louie Joseph was home from the Great Lakes Naval training school to spend Sunday and New Year with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Joseph, and his brothers and sisters. This is his first visit home since he entered the service as a member of the Medical corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bingham and two daughters were guests at Hilltop farm near Ypsilanti last week visiting Mrs. Bingham's mother, Mrs. Strong. Miss Helen went on to Detroit to resume her school duties at the University of Detroit, the remainder of the family returning home Tuesday morning.

The big drive to raise funds for the Knights of Columbus of the army will soon be on. Just because you don't happen to be a Catholic should not prevent you from giving all you can spare. The K. C. camps are open to all denominations and like the Y. M. C. A. are doing valuable work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grover entertained relatives and friends, numbering about twenty-five at their home in Riverview, Monday afternoon and evening in honor of their son-in-law, William Fischer who was enjoying a furlough from Camp Custer, visiting his wife, who makes her home with her parents, in Riverview.

Regular mail service began on the Manistee & Northwestern railroad between Grayling and Manistee January 1st. This will be of great convenience to many along that line of railroad. The first pouches to go out were for Sigma, Manistee and Grand Rapids, the latter transferring to the G. R. & I. at Walton Junction.

Announcements were received by friends during the latter part of last week, of the marriage of Mr. Selwyn E. Dexter and Miss Myrtle L. Spencer, on Saturday, December 22nd, at Hart, Michigan. The groom was a former resident of Grayling, and altho he left here several years ago, has made annual visits here and has many friends who extend happy congratulations to the young couple. Mr. Dexter is the son of Sylvester L. Dexter of Hart, and a brother of Mrs. P. D. Borchers of this city.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling,) etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

The members of the Grayling Social club with several guests enjoyed a dinner dance Monday evening. The committee had prepared a splendid dinner, which was served on small tables arranged in a circle with the center left free so that dancing could be enjoyed between odors. After the dinner the tables were cleared for cards, Mrs. Robt. Reagan and Mr. Robert Gillett holding the highest scores. At nine o'clock Clark's orchestra struck up a waltz and the floor was quickly filled with eager dancers. As the New Year dawned, the committee distributed hors d'oeuvres, and colored paper and ribbons—and pandemonium reigned. It was a pretty affair and will be long remembered by those present. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer, Dr. and Mrs. Hutchison, of Saginaw; Miss Helen Sherman, Loyd Sherman, of Newberry; Mr. Read, of Wilmington, Delaware; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graham, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott, of Detroit.

Special Values for the First Friday and Saturday in 1918

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In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue, James J. Brady, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on February 4th and will be here until February 6th inclusive. He will have his office in the County Building in Grayling and will be there every day ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

The newly elected officers of Grayling lodge No. 356 F. & A. M. were duly installed last week, Thursday night. The lodge is officered as follows: Frank Sales, W. M.; Charles Abbott, S. W.; Harry Hill, J. W.; Arthur Maxwell, S. D.; John C. Yahr, J. D.; John J. Niederer, Sec'y; R. D. Connine, Treas.; Frank Freeland and Harry Simpson, stewards; Wm. Woodfield, marshal and Elmer Matson, chaplain. The latter retired as worshipful master after a most successful year of the lodge.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE AVALANCHE.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers.

New officers were elected last night in Portage Lodge, No. 141, Knights of Pythias. They are as follows:

C. C.—T. P. Peterson.
V. C.—Emil Geigling.
Prelate—Harry Simpson.
M. of W.—C. J. Hathaway.
M. of E.—O. P. Schumann.
M. of F.—Geo. W. McCullough.
K. of R. & S.—Ben Hardquist.
M. at A.—Mike Brenner.
I. G.—Robert Roblin.
O. G.—L. J. Kraus.

At this meeting it was decided that the annual K. of P. ball shall be an Easter party and will be held the Wednesday following Easter, April 3.

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Olney's, best grade, can 25c, three for 60c.
Hart or Olney Brand, telephone or tender sweet peas, can 15c, six for 75c.
Richelieu Brand Early June or Telephone Style, can 18c, six for 95c.

CORN

Olney or Richelieu Brand, can 20c, six for 95c.
American Brand (solid pack) can 15c, six 75c.

TOMATOES

Olney or Richelieu Brand, can 25c, six for \$1.25.
Standard Tomatoes, solid pack, No. 3 can 20c, six for 90c.

PUMPKIN

Olney or Richelieu Brand, can 18c, six for 90c.

LIMA BEANS

Olney Brand, can 18c, six for 95c.

CANNED FRUIT

Peaches, Pears, Plums and Apricots, good grade, can 18c, six for 90c.
Peaches, Pears, Plums and Apricots, Richelieu B and can 38c, three for \$1.00.

CANNED BERRIES

Strawberries or Raspberries, can 18c, six for 90c.
Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, best grade, can 30c, three for 80c.

JAMS

Strawberry, Blackberry, Apricot, Peach, Plum, Currant, Quince and Raspberry, glass jar, each 35c, three for 90c.

PRESERVES

Cherry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Plum, Quince, tall glass, each 45c, three for \$1.15.

CATSUP

Olney Brand, pint bottle 25c, three for 65c.

BEANS

Olney's Pork and Beans No. 2 can 18c, six for 90c.

SALMON

Red, tall 1-lb. can 30c, three for 80c.

MILK

Pet Brand, tall size can 17c, twelve for \$1.75.

SOUP

Campbell's Tomato, can 15c, six for 70c.
Snider's Tomato, tall can 15c, six for 70c.

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Old Master, lb. 40c, three lbs. for \$1.00.
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